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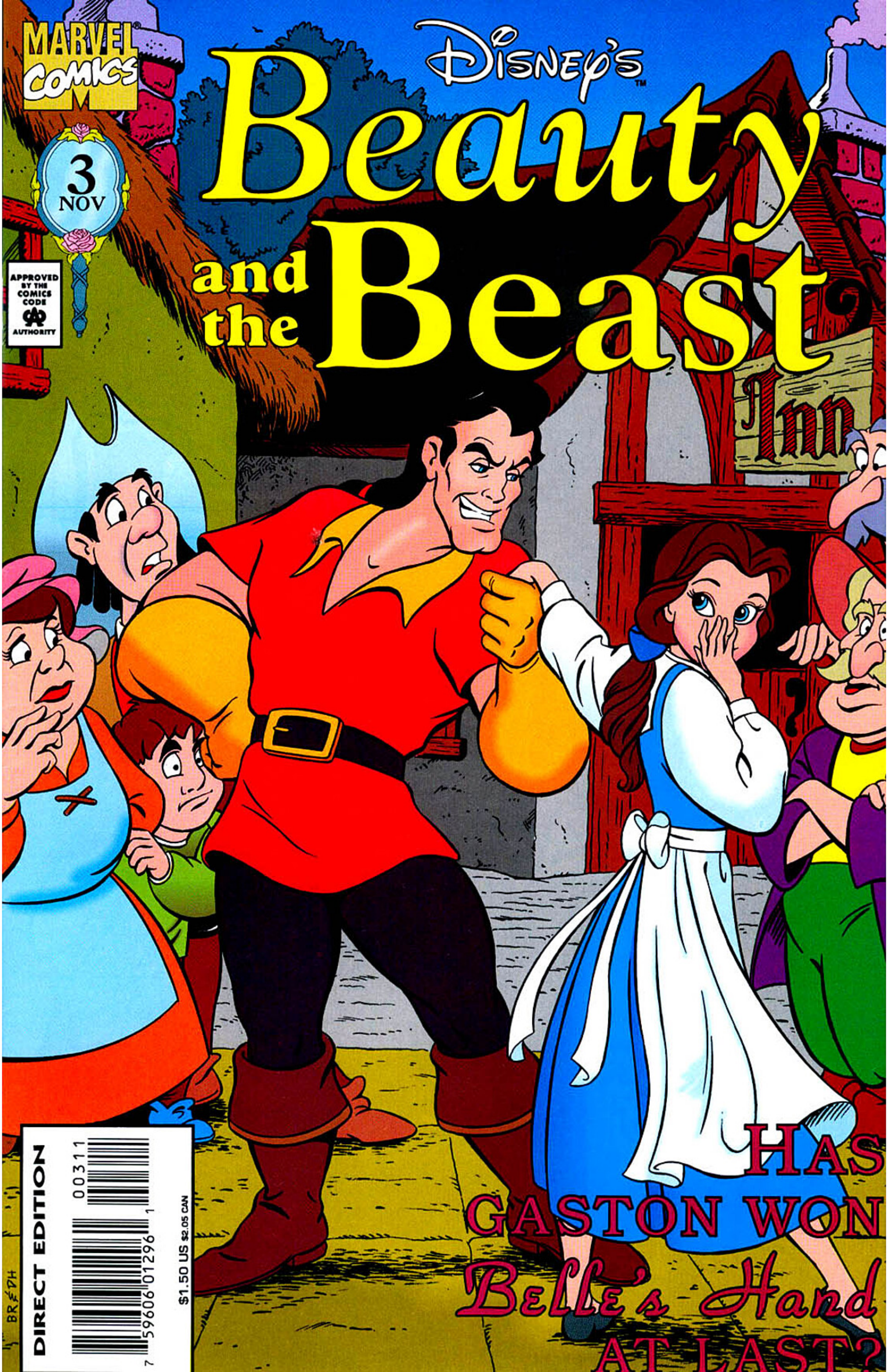

HAS GASTON WON Belle's Hand AT LAST?

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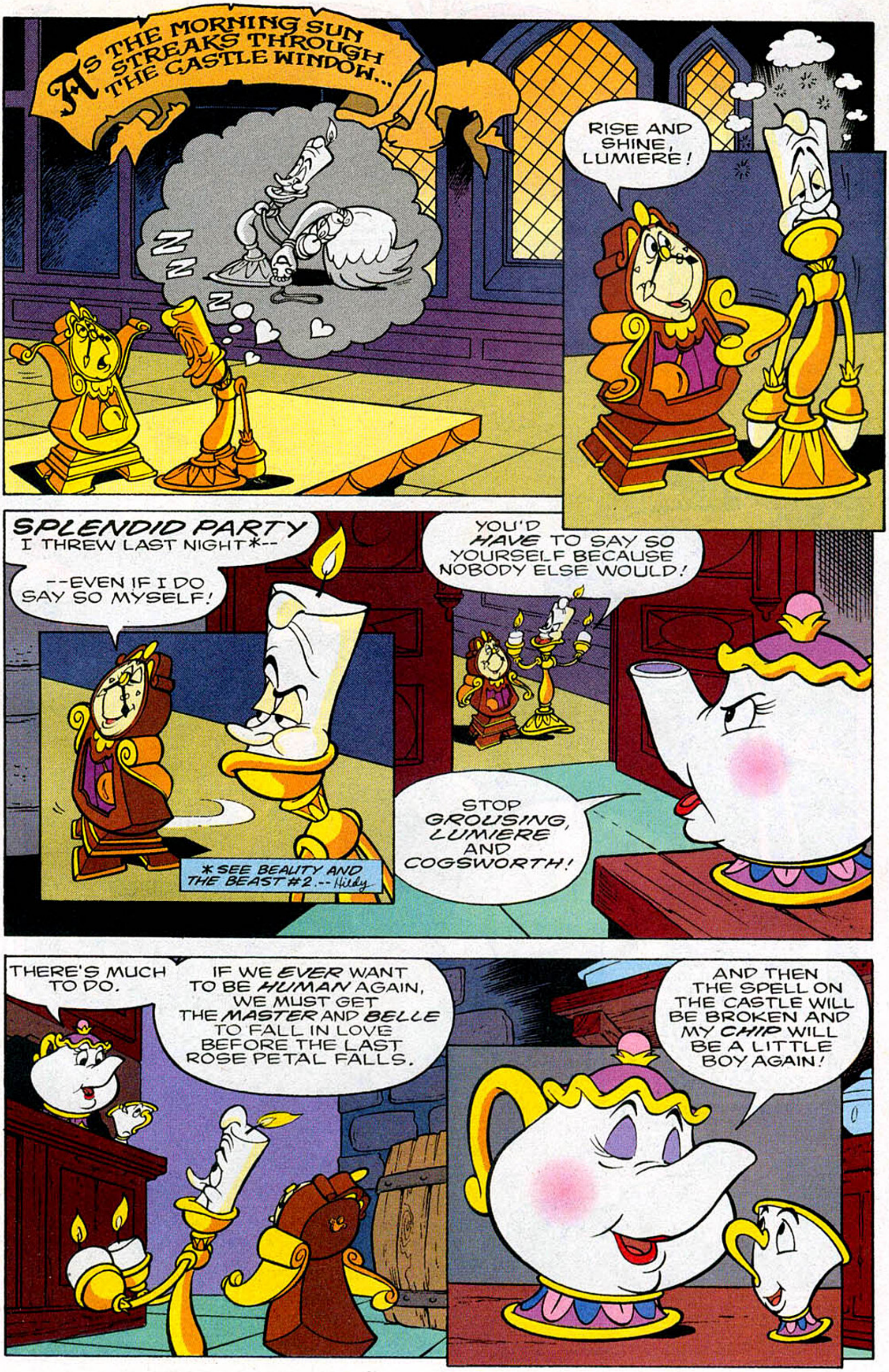
AS THE MORNING SUN STREAKS THROUGH THE CASTLE WINDOW...
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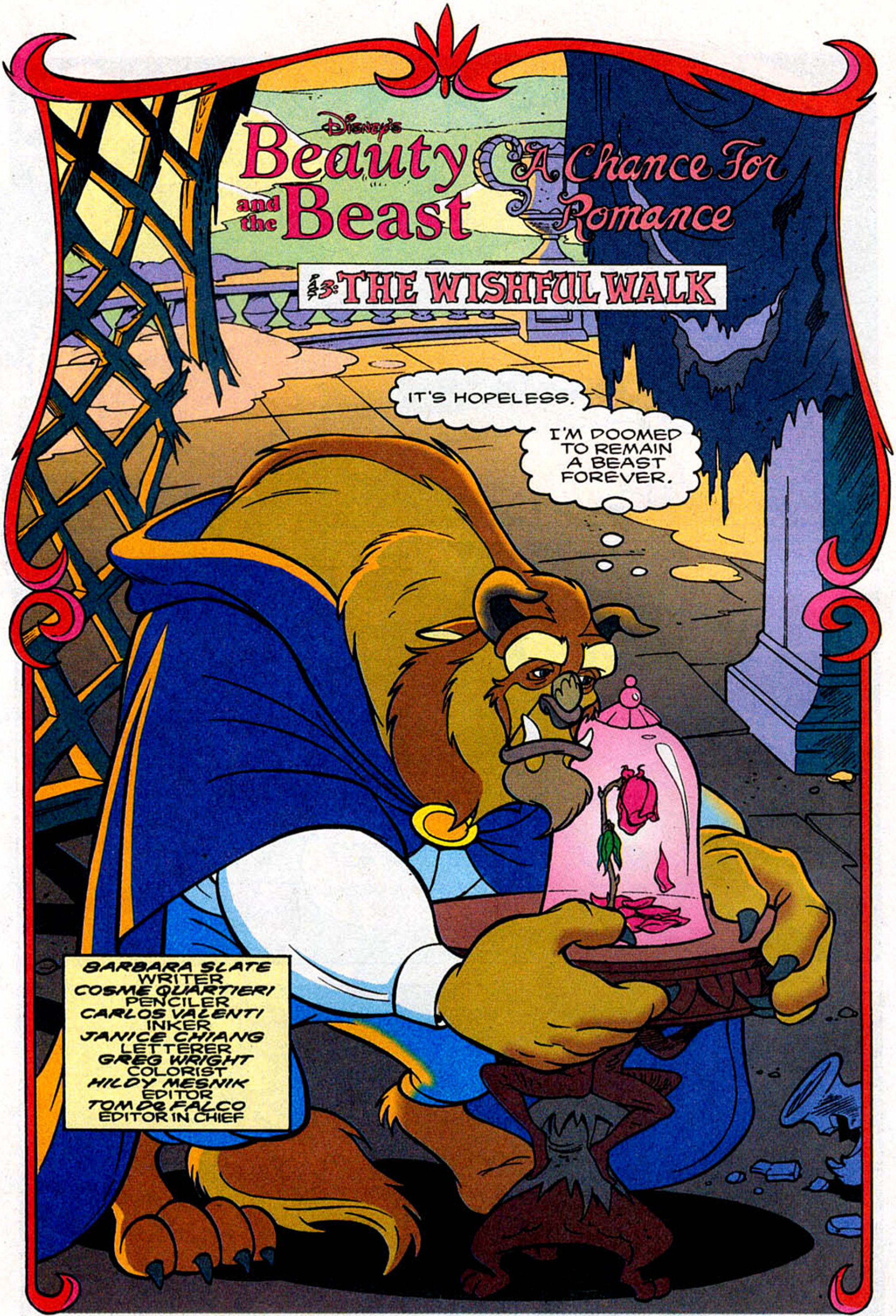
RISE AND SHINE, LUMIERE!
SPLENDID PARTY I THREW LAST NIGHT*--
--EVEN IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!
*SEE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST #2. --Hildy
YOU'D HAVE TO SAY SO YOURSELF BECAUSE NOBODY ELSE WOULD!
STOP GROUSING, LUMIERE AND COGSWORTH!
THERE'S MUCH TO DO.
IF WE EVER WANT TO BE HUMAN AGAIN, WE MUST GET THE MASTER AND BELLE TO FALL IN LOVE BEFORE THE LAST ROSE PETAL FALLS.
AND THEN THE SPELL ON THE CASTLE WILL BE BROKEN AND MY CHIP WILL BE A LITTLE BOY AGAIN!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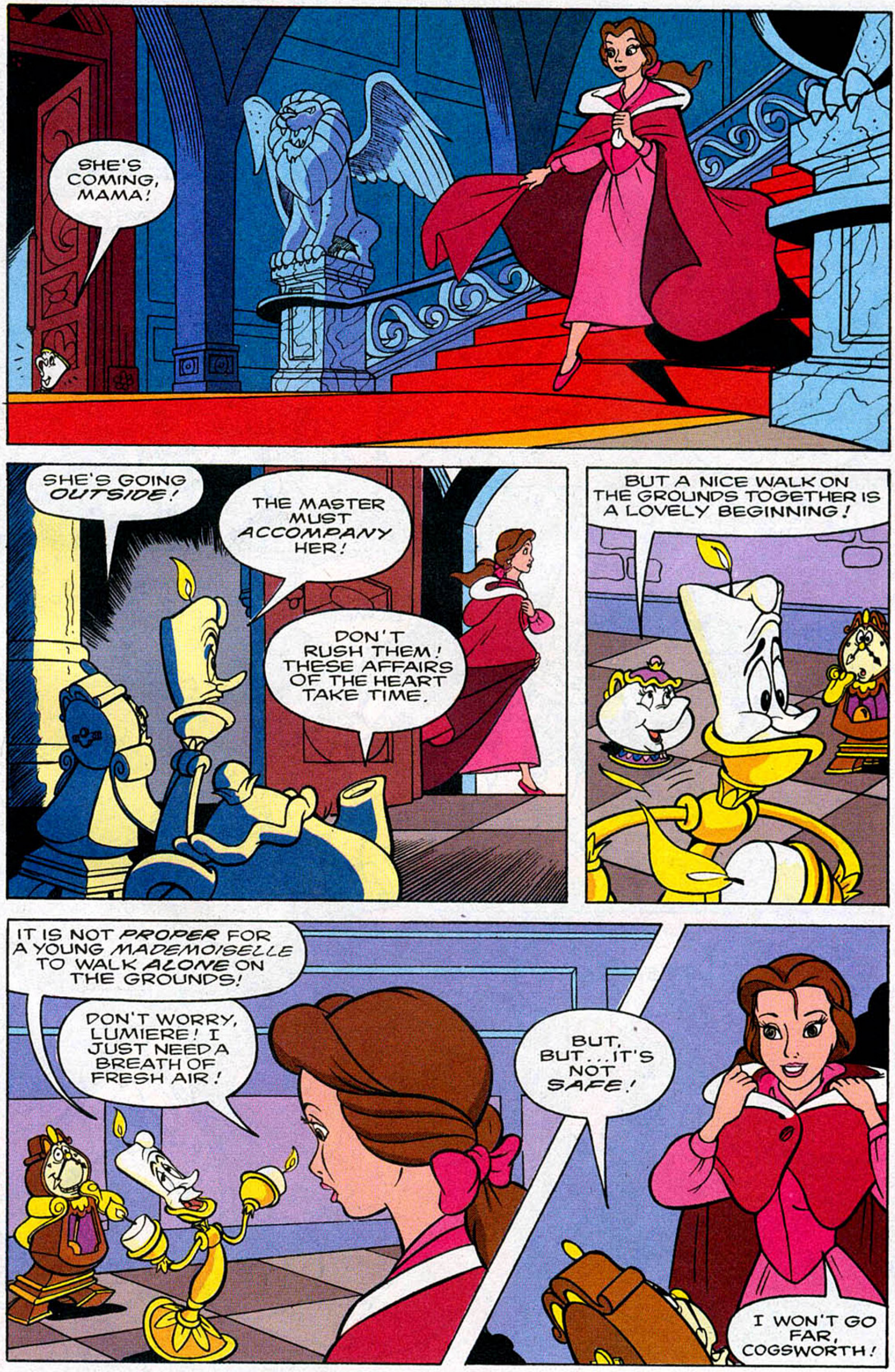
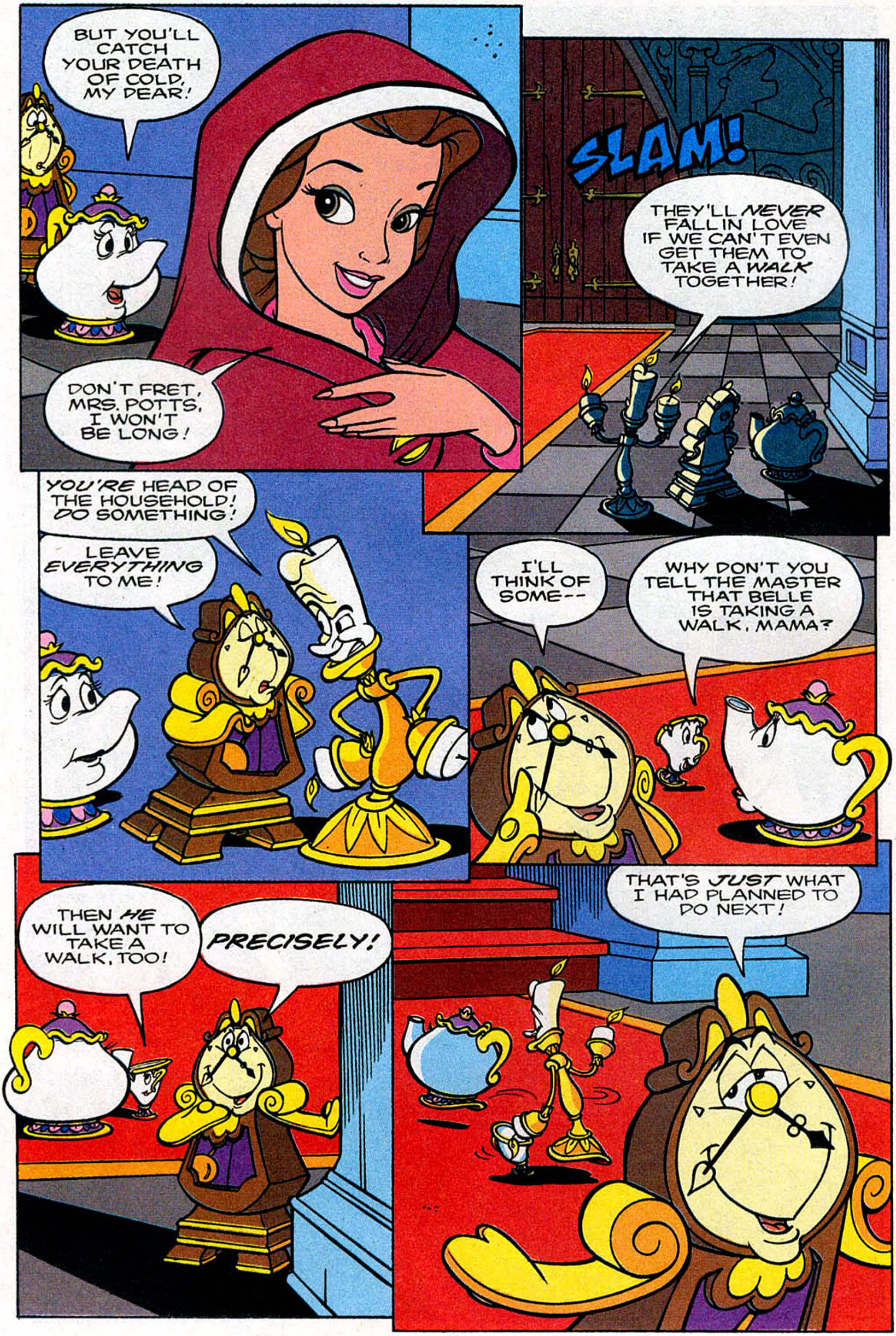
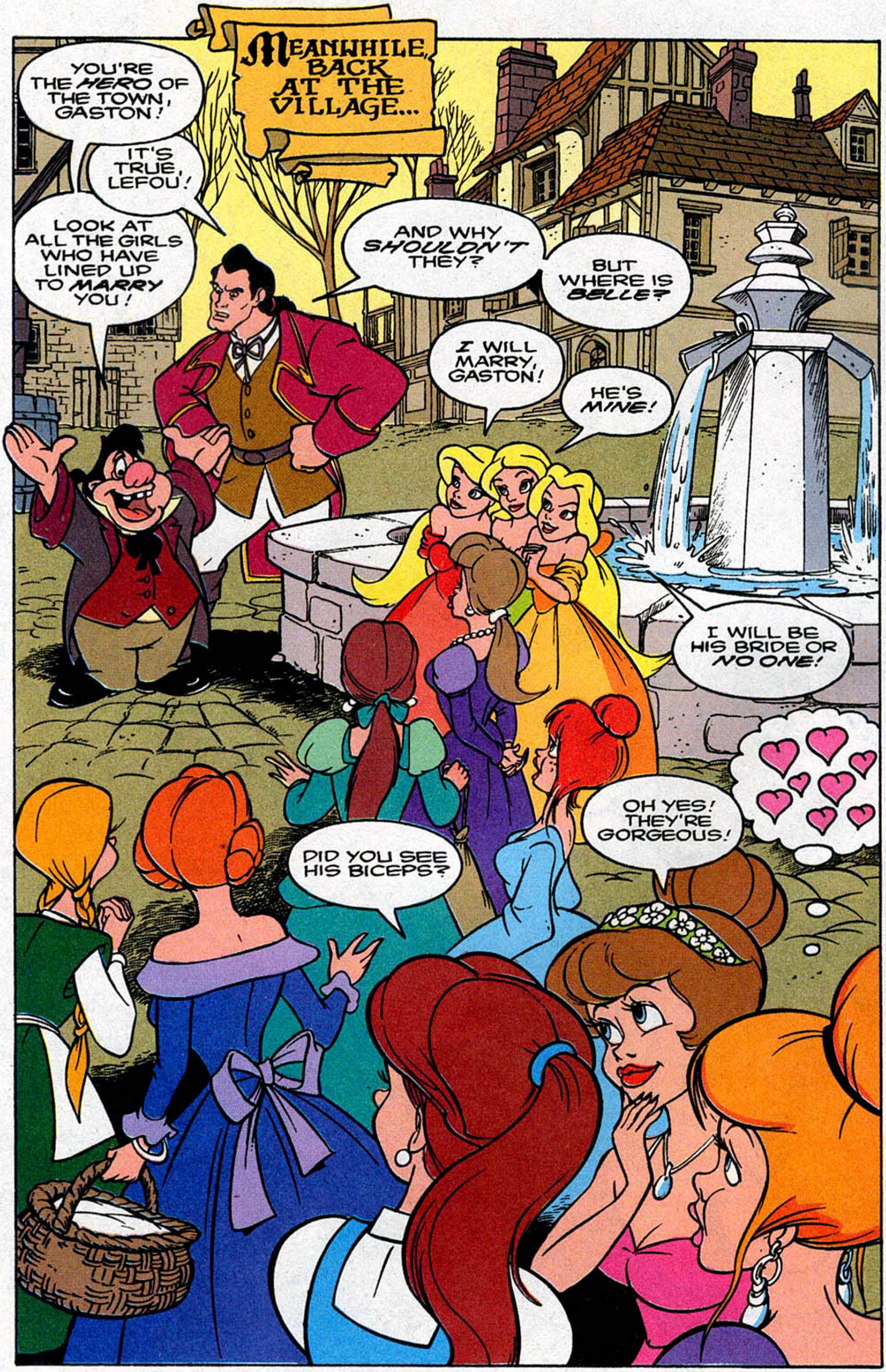
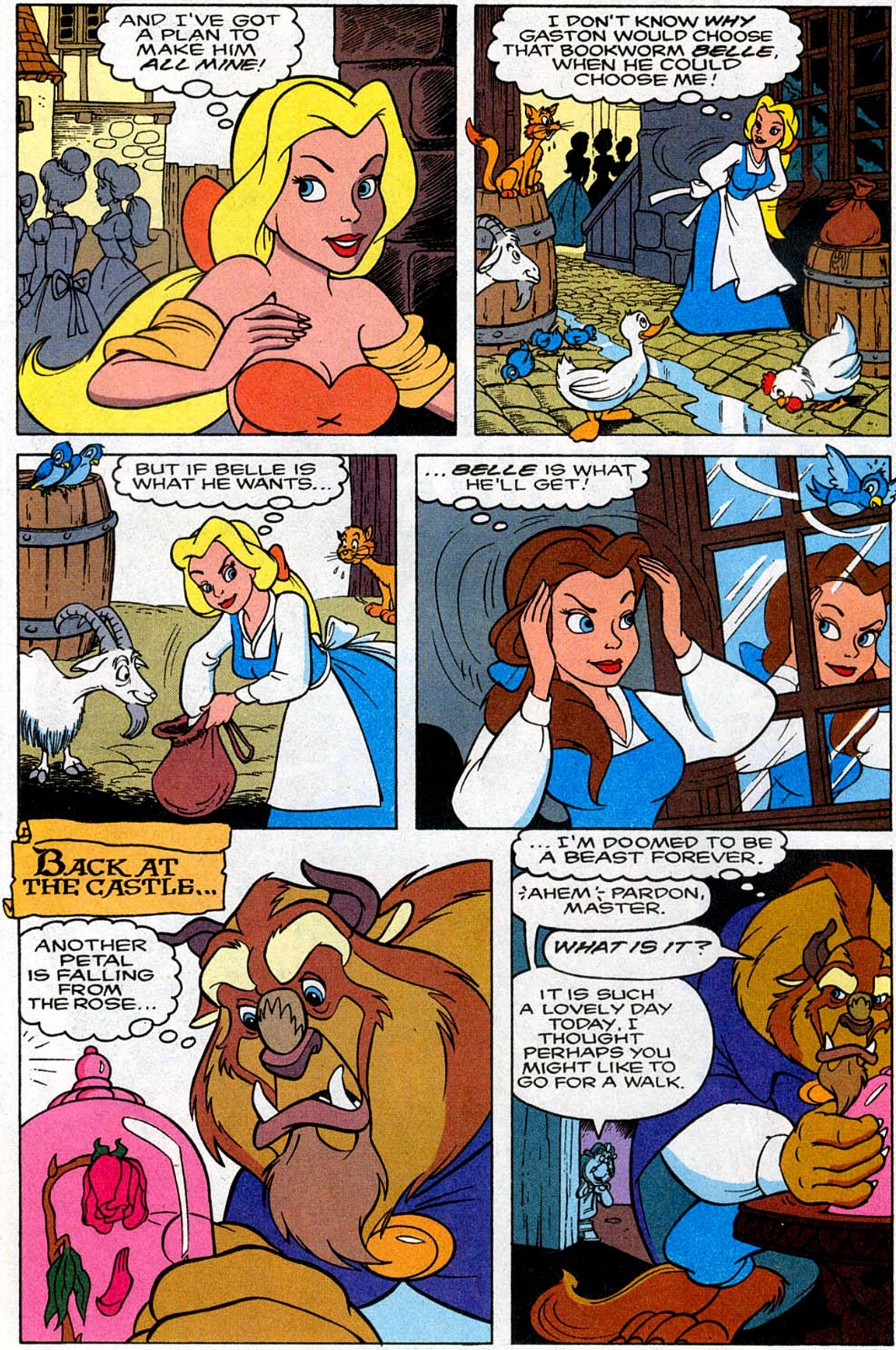
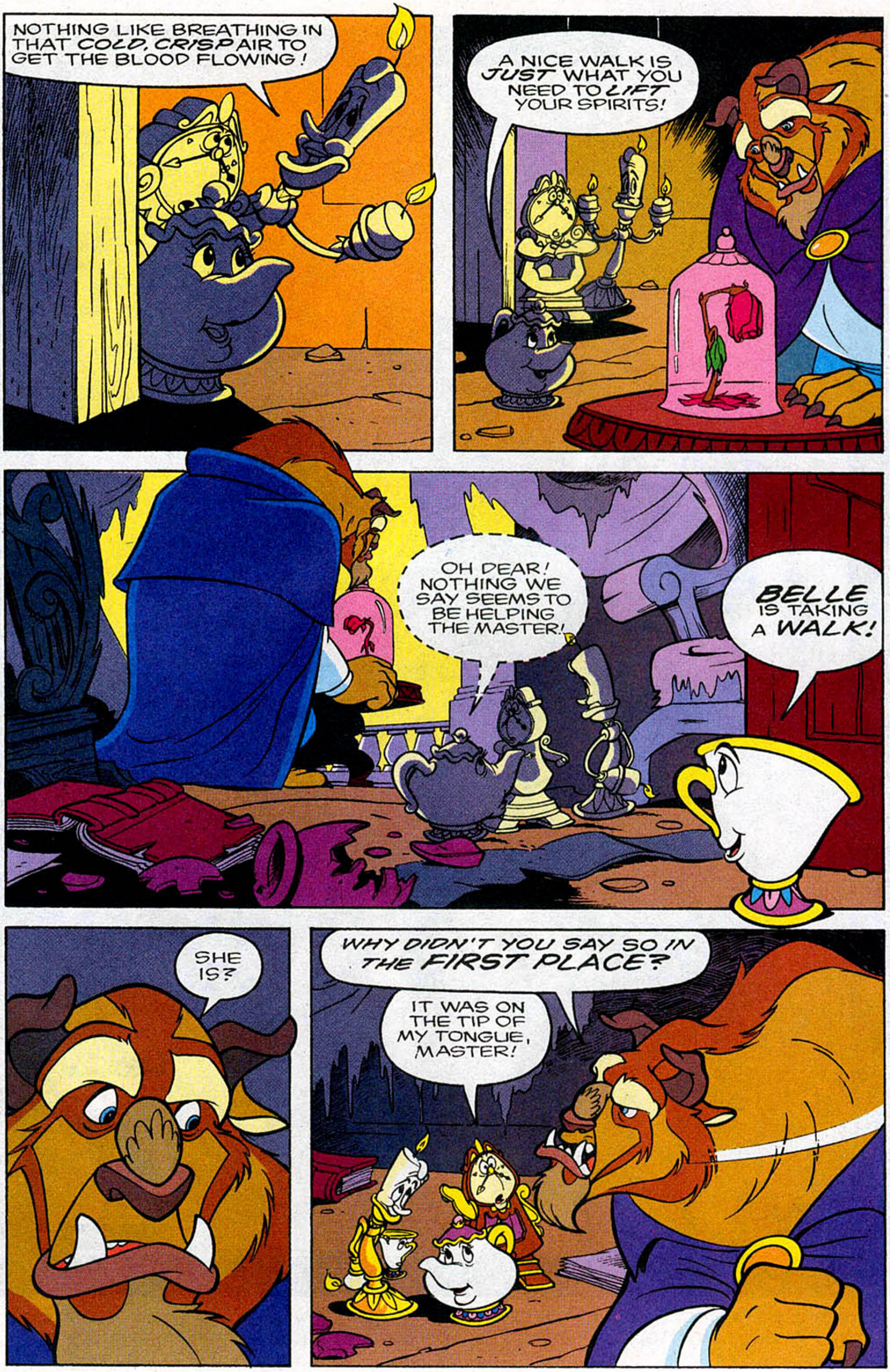
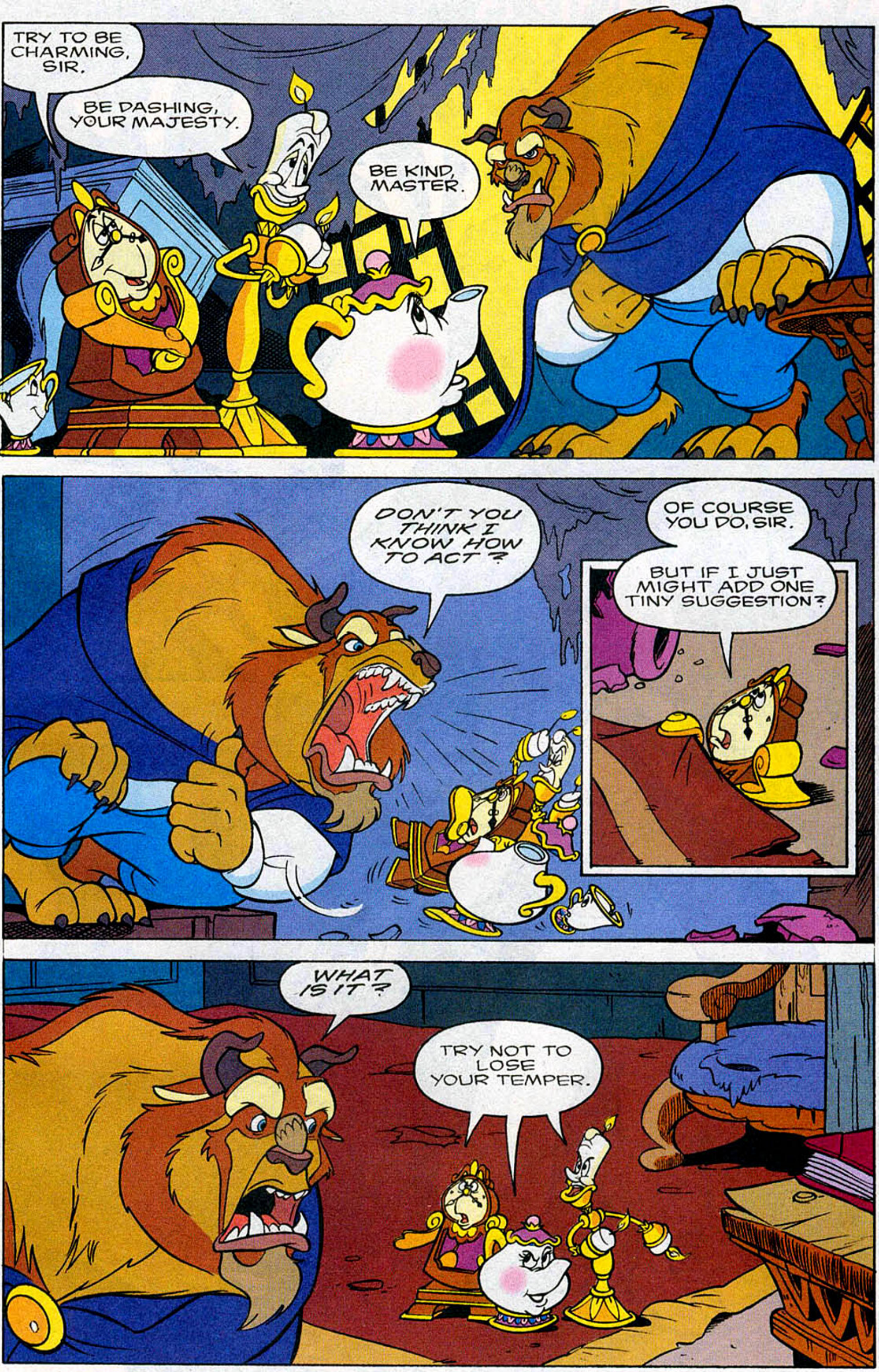

SHE'S COMING, MAMA!
SHE'S GOING *OUTSIDE*!
THE MASTER MUST *ACCOMPANY* HER!
DON'T RUSH THEM! THESE AFFAIRS OF THE HEART TAKE TIME.
BUT A NICE WALK ON THE GROUNDS TOGETHER IS A LOVELY BEGINNING!
IT IS NOT *PROPER* FOR A YOUNG *MADEMOISELLE* TO WALK *ALONE* ON THE GROUNDS!
DON'T WORRY, LUMIERE! I JUST NEED A BREATH OF FRESH AIR!
BUT, BUT...IT'S NOT *SAFE*!
I WON'T GO FAR, COGSWORTH!

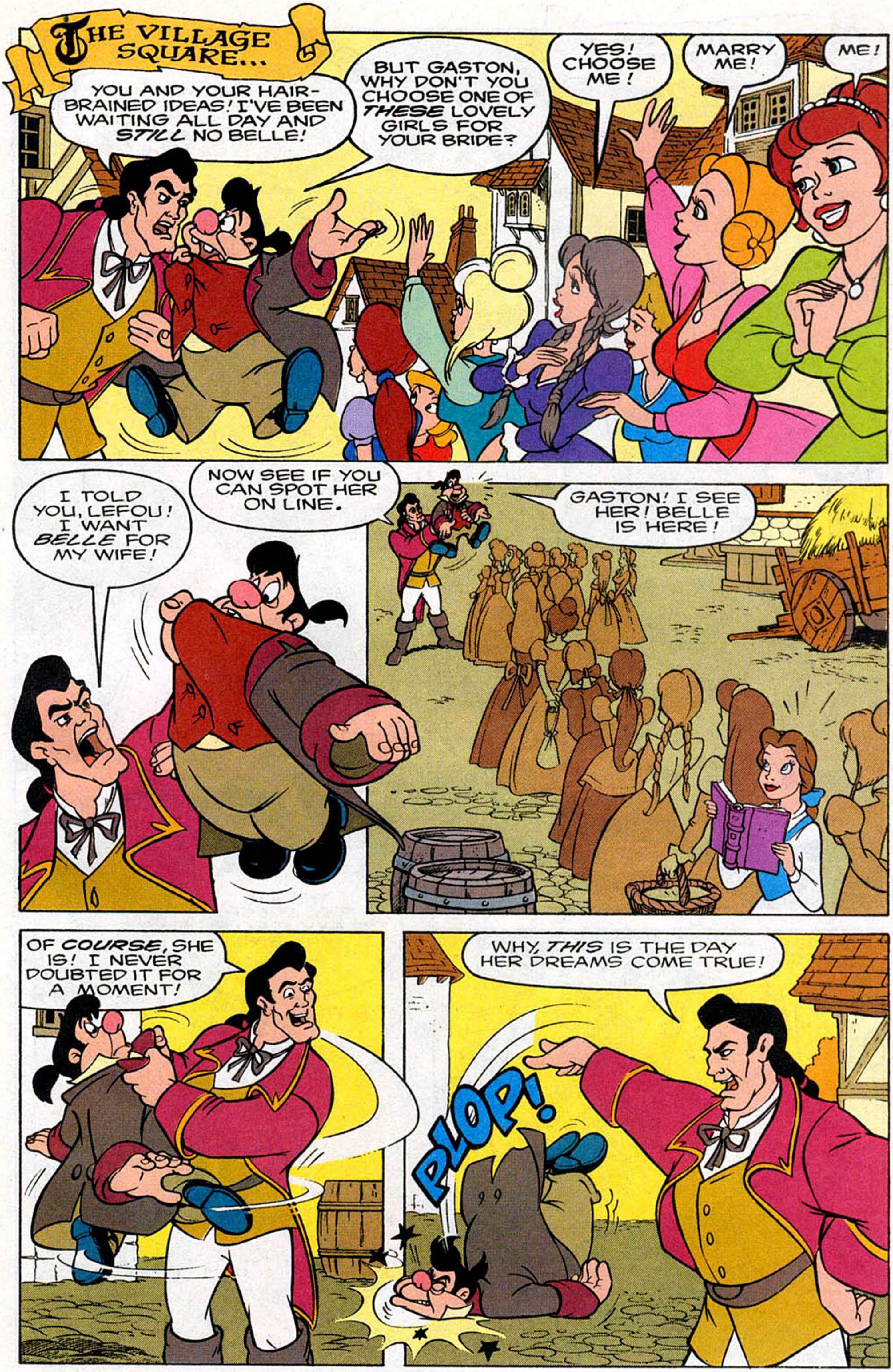

BUT YOU'LL CATCH YOUR DEATH OF COLD, MY DEAR!
DON'T FRET, MRS. POTTS, I WON'T BE LONG!
SLAM!
THEY'LL *NEVER* FALL IN LOVE IF WE CAN'T EVEN GET THEM TO TAKE A *WALK* TOGETHER!
YOU'RE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD! *DO* SOMETHING!
LEAVE *EVERYTHING* TO ME!
I'LL THINK OF SOME--
WHY DON'T YOU TELL THE MASTER THAT BELLE IS TAKING A WALK, MAMA?
THEN *HE* WILL WANT TO TAKE A WALK, TOO!
PRECISELY!
THAT'S *JUST* WHAT I HAD PLANNED TO DO NEXT!

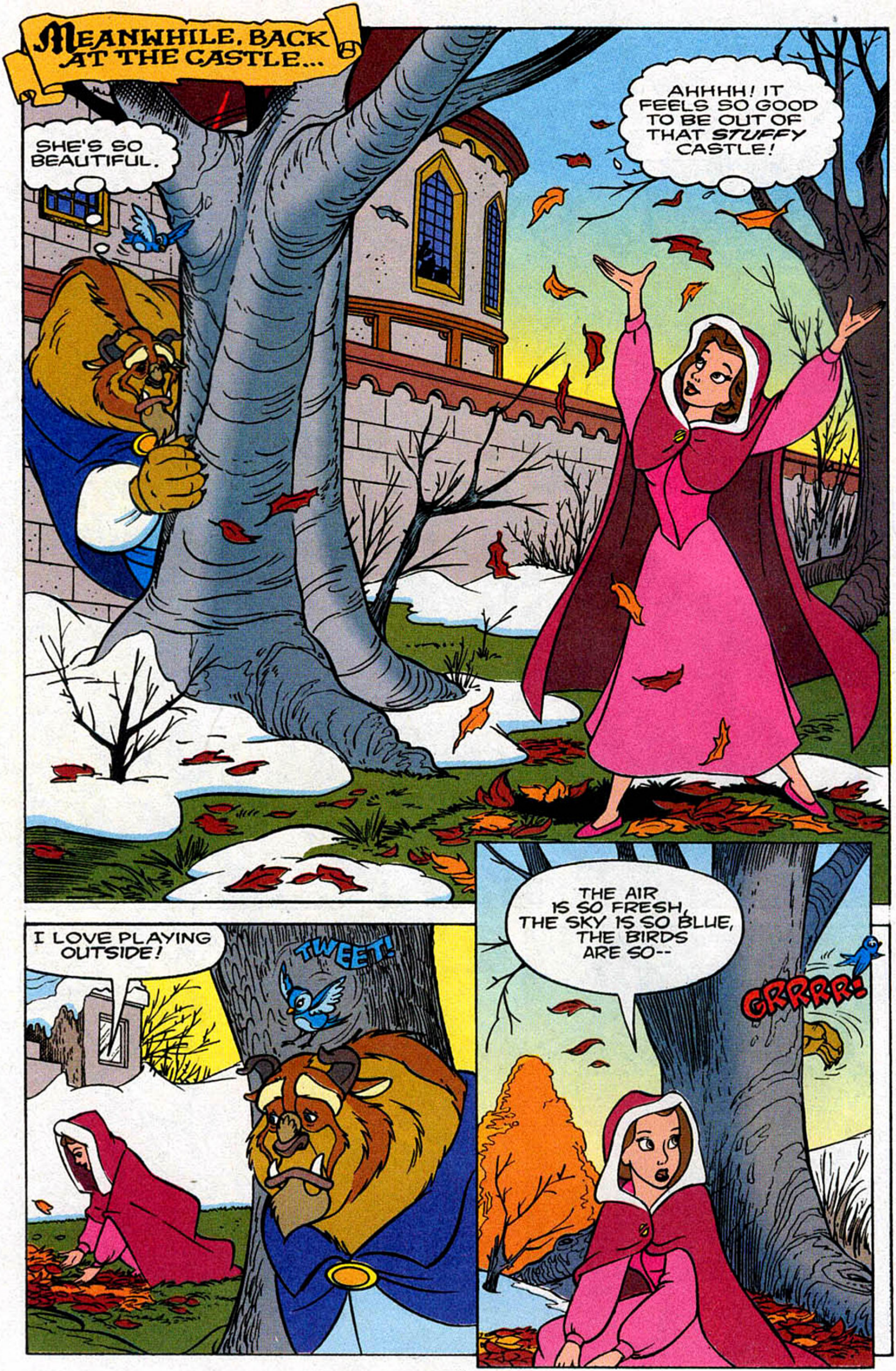

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE VILLAGE...
YOU'RE THE HERO OF THE TOWN, GASTON!
IT'S TRUE, LEFOU!
LOOK AT ALL THE GIRLS WHO HAVE LINED UP TO MARRY YOU!
AND WHY SHOULDN'T THEY?
BUT WHERE IS BELLE?
I WILL MARRY, GASTON!
HE'S MINE!
I WILL BE HIS BRIDE OR NO ONE!
DID YOU SEE HIS BICEPS?
OH YES! THEY'RE GORGEOUS!

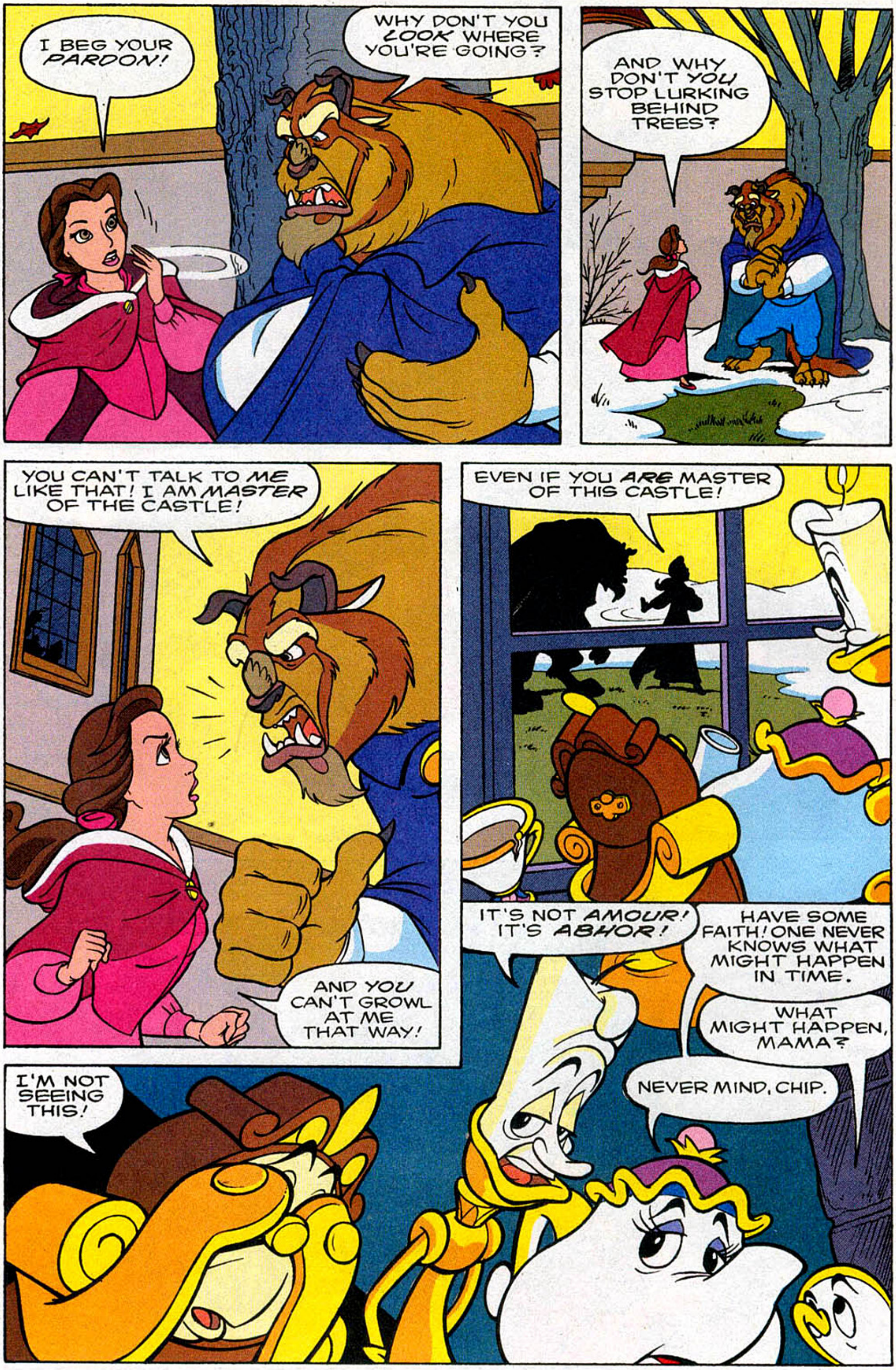

AND I'VE GOT A PLAN TO MAKE HIM ALL MINE!
I DON'T KNOW WHY GASTON WOULD CHOOSE THAT BOOKWORM BELLE, WHEN HE COULD CHOOSE ME!
BUT IF BELLE IS WHAT HE WANTS...
...BELLE IS WHAT HE'LL GET!
BACK AT THE CASTLE...
ANOTHER PETAL IS FALLING FROM THE ROSE...
...I'M DOOMED TO BE A BEAST FOREVER.
-AHEM- PARDON, MASTER.
WHAT IS IT?
IT IS SUCH A LOVELY DAY TODAY, I THOUGHT PERHAPS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO GO FOR A WALK.

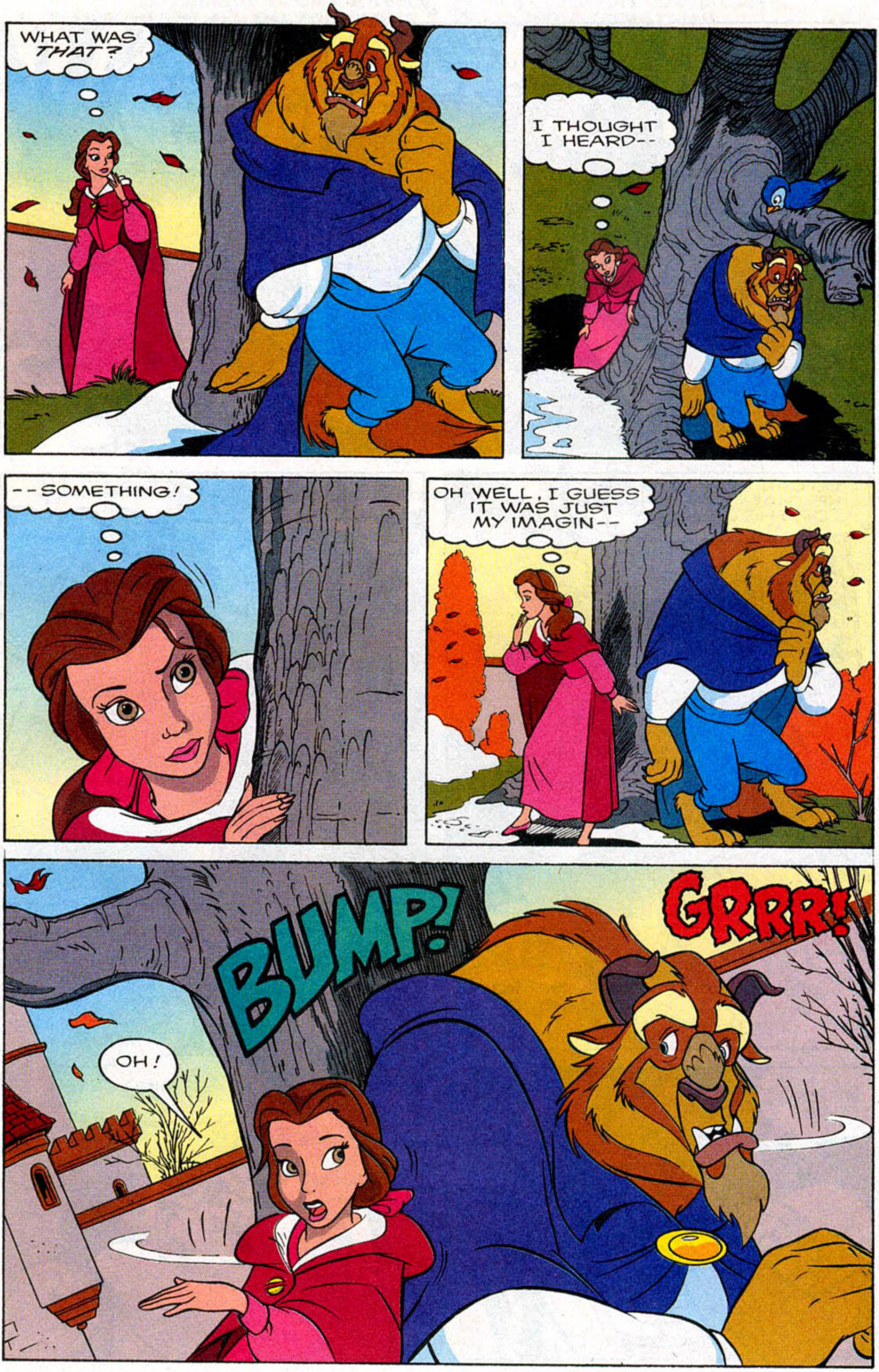

NOTHING LIKE BREATHING IN THAT *COLD, CRISP* AIR TO GET THE BLOOD FLOWING!
A NICE WALK IS *JUST* WHAT YOU NEED TO *LIFT* YOUR SPIRITS!
OH DEAR! NOTHING WE SAY SEEMS TO BE HELPING THE MASTER!
BELLE IS TAKING A *WALK!*
SHE IS?
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO IN THE FIRST PLACE?
IT WAS ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE, MASTER!

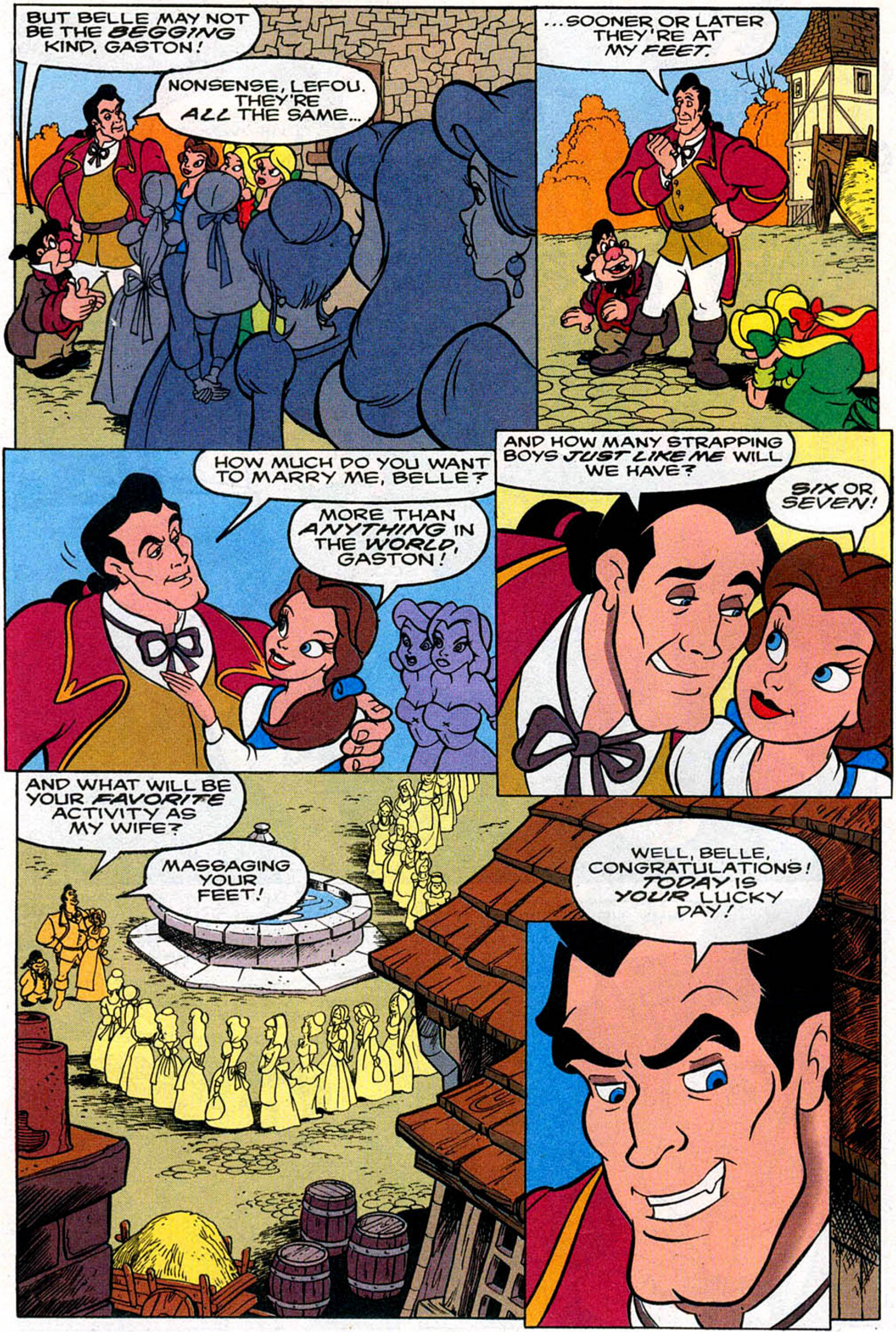

TRY TO BE CHARMING, SIR.
BE DASHING, YOUR MAJESTY.
BE KIND, MASTER.
DON'T YOU THINK I KNOW HOW TO ACT?
OF COURSE YOU DO, SIR.
BUT IF I JUST MIGHT ADD ONE TINY SUGGESTION?
WHAT IS IT?
TRY NOT TO LOSE YOUR TEMPER.

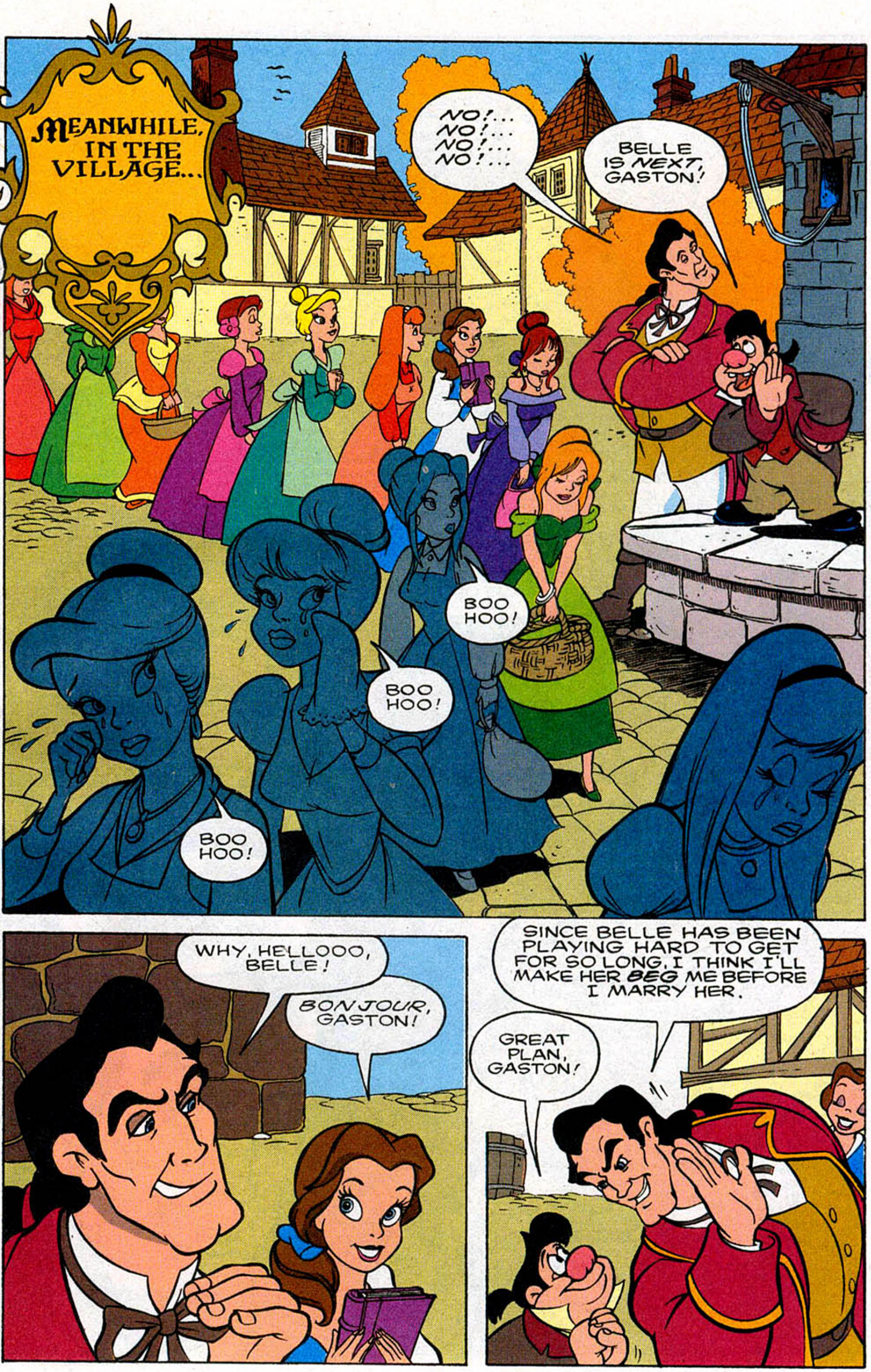

THE VILLAGE SQUARE...
YOU AND YOUR HAIR-BRAINED IDEAS! I'VE BEEN WAITING ALL DAY AND *STILL* NO BELLE!
BUT GASTON, WHY DON'T YOU CHOOSE ONE OF *THESE* LOVELY GIRLS FOR YOUR BRIDE?
YES! CHOOSE ME!
MARRY ME!
ME!
I TOLD YOU, LEFOU! I WANT *BELLE* FOR MY WIFE!
NOW SEE IF YOU CAN SPOT HER ON LINE.
GASTON! I SEE HER! BELLE IS HERE!
OF *COURSE*, SHE IS! I NEVER DOUBTED IT FOR A MOMENT!
WHY, *THIS* IS THE DAY HER DREAMS COME TRUE!
PLOP!

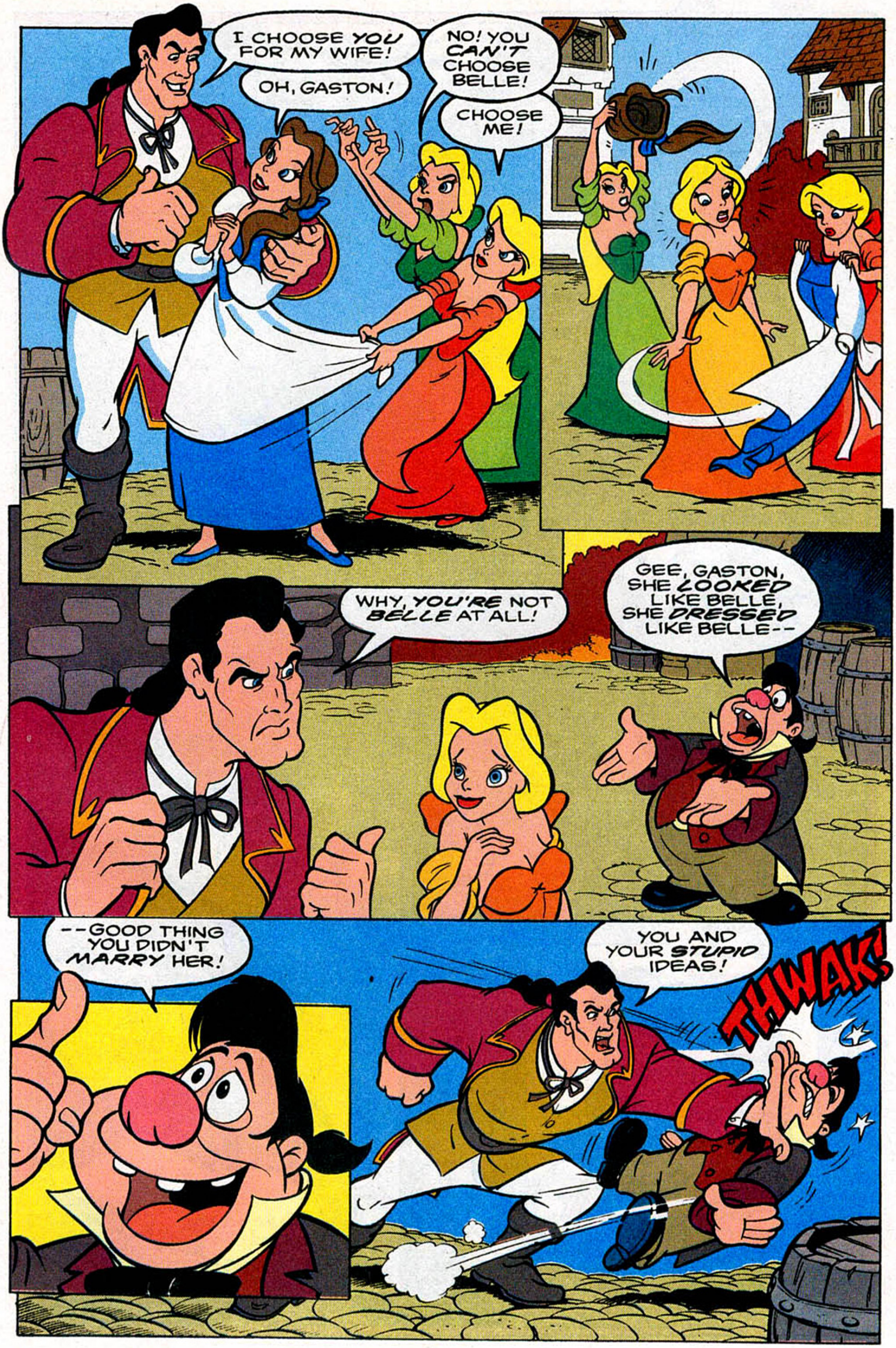

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE CASTLE...
SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL.
AHHHH! IT FEELS SO GOOD TO BE OUT OF THAT *STUFFY* CASTLE!
I LOVE PLAYING OUTSIDE!
TWEET!
THE AIR IS SO FRESH, THE SKY IS SO BLUE, THE BIRDS ARE SO--
GRRRR!

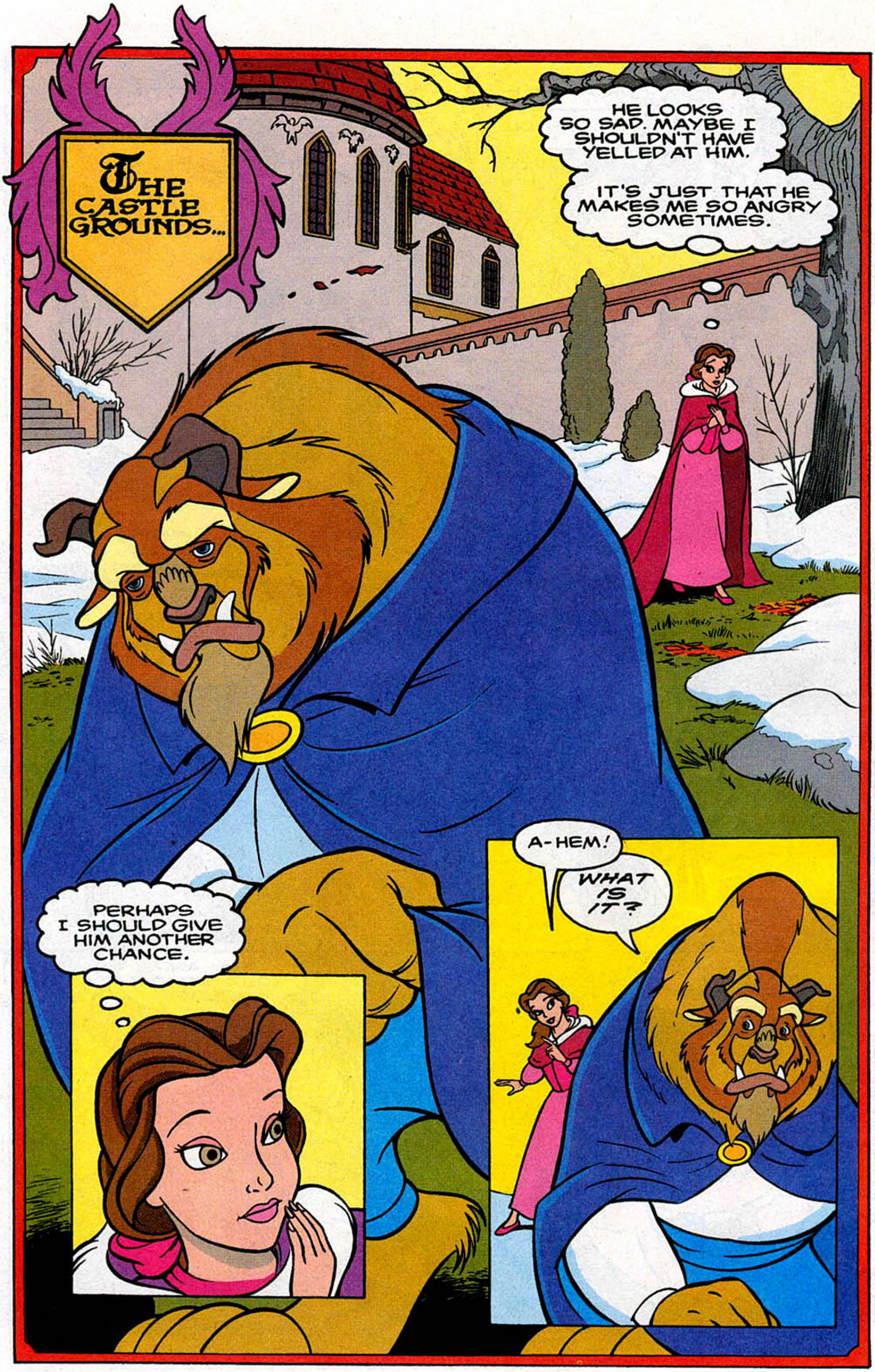

I BEG YOUR *PARDON*!
WHY DON'T YOU *LOOK* WHERE YOU'RE GOING?
AND WHY DON'T *YOU* STOP LURKING BEHIND TREES?
YOU CAN'T TALK TO *ME* LIKE THAT! I AM *MASTER* OF THE CASTLE!
AND *YOU* CAN'T GROWL AT ME THAT WAY!
EVEN IF YOU *ARE* MASTER OF THIS CASTLE!
IT'S NOT *AMOUR*! IT'S *ABHOR*!
HAVE SOME FAITH! ONE NEVER KNOWS WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IN TIME.
WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN, MAMA?
NEVER MIND, CHIP.
I'M NOT SEEING THIS!

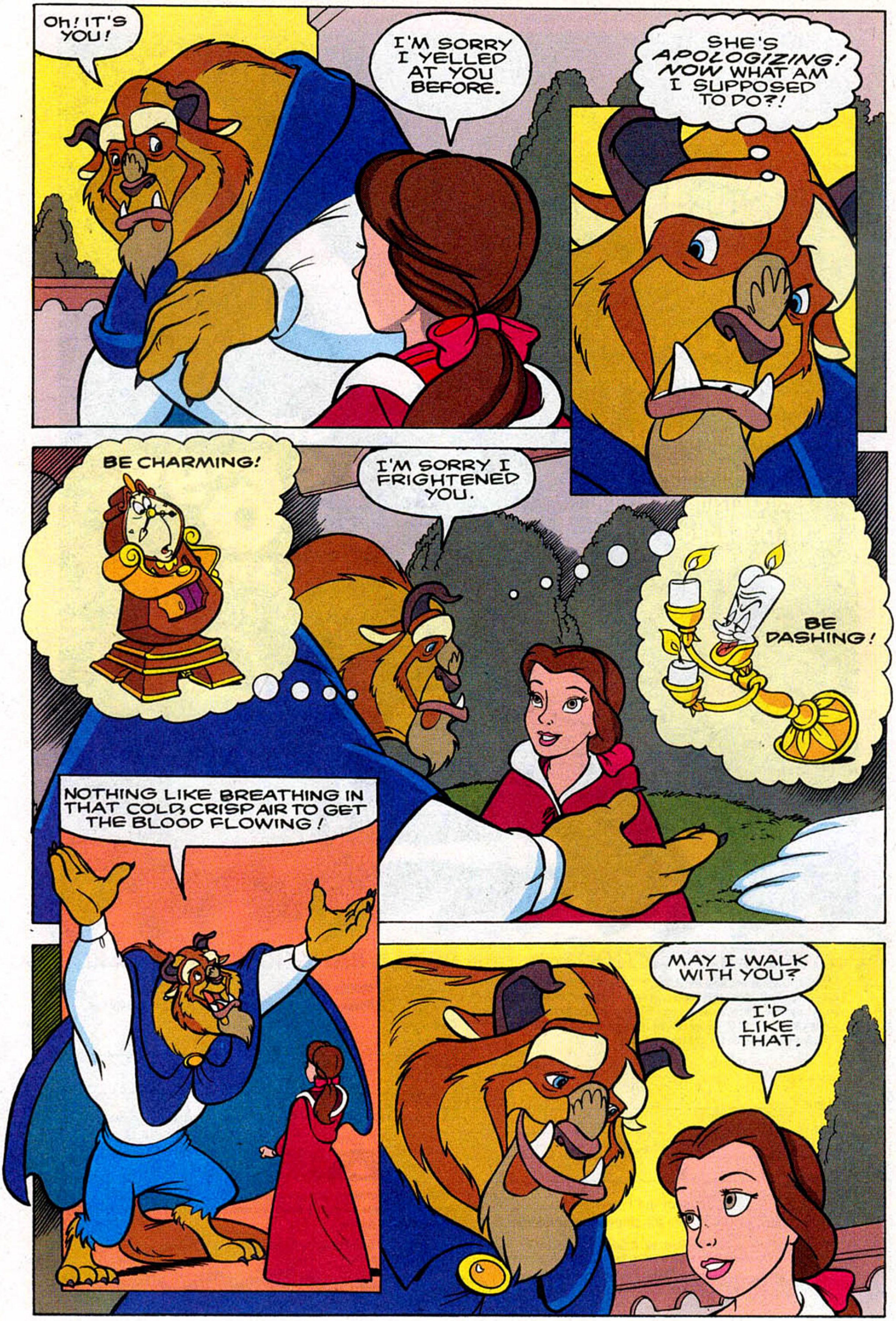

WHAT WAS *THAT*?
I THOUGHT I HEARD--
--SOMETHING!
OH WELL, I GUESS IT WAS JUST MY IMAGIN--
BUMP!
GRRRR!
OH!

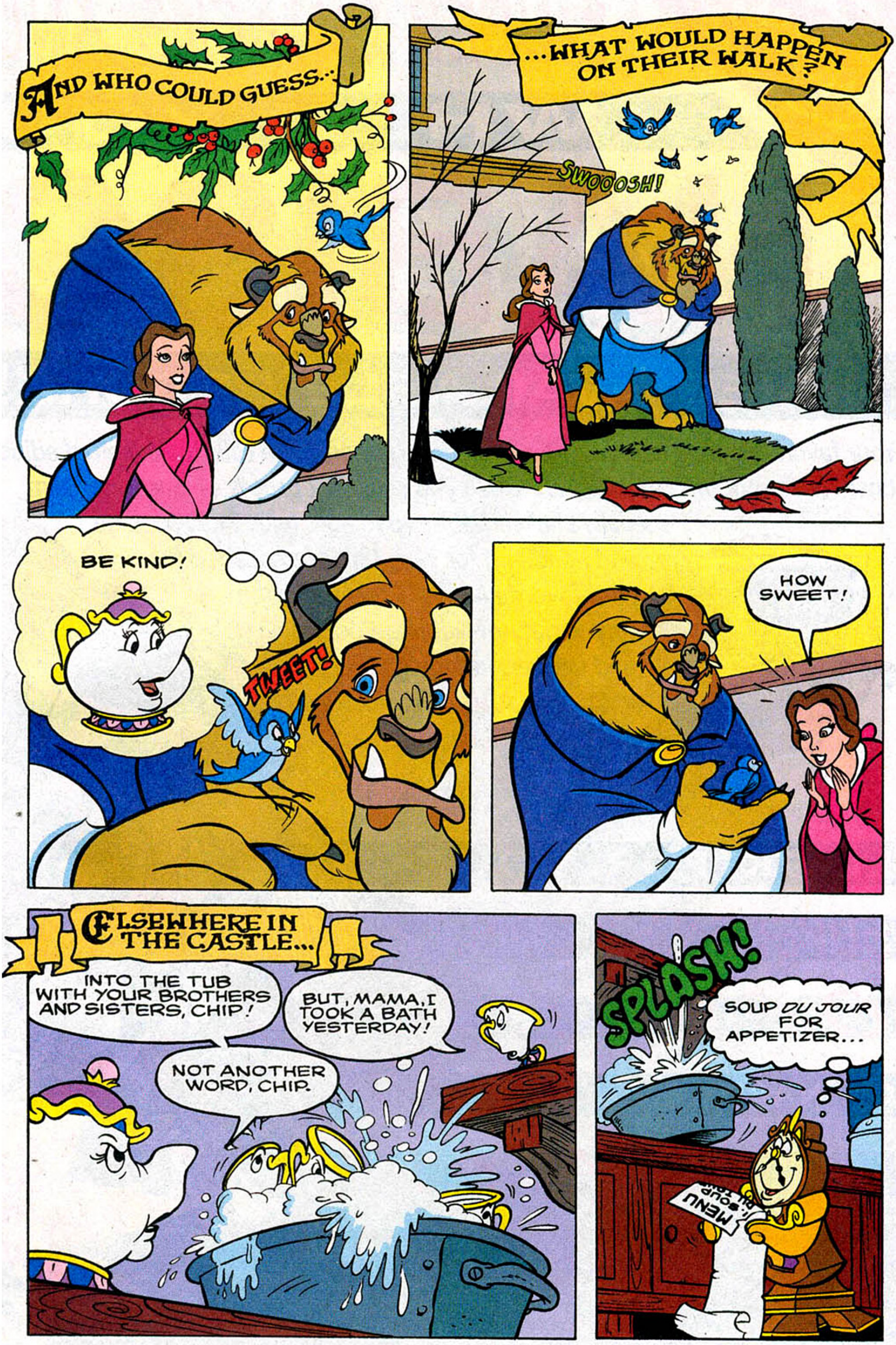

BUT BELLE MAY NOT BE THE *BEGGING* KIND, GASTON!
NONSENSE, LEFOU. THEY'RE *ALL* THE SAME...
...SOONER OR LATER THEY'RE AT MY *FEET.*
HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT TO MARRY ME, BELLE?
MORE THAN *ANYTHING* IN THE *WORLD*, GASTON!
AND HOW MANY STRAPPING BOYS *JUST LIKE ME* WILL WE HAVE?
SIX OR *SEVEN*!
AND WHAT WILL BE YOUR *FAVORITE* ACTIVITY AS MY WIFE?
MASSAGING YOUR FEET!
WELL, BELLE, CONGRATULATIONS! *TODAY* IS *YOUR* LUCKY DAY!

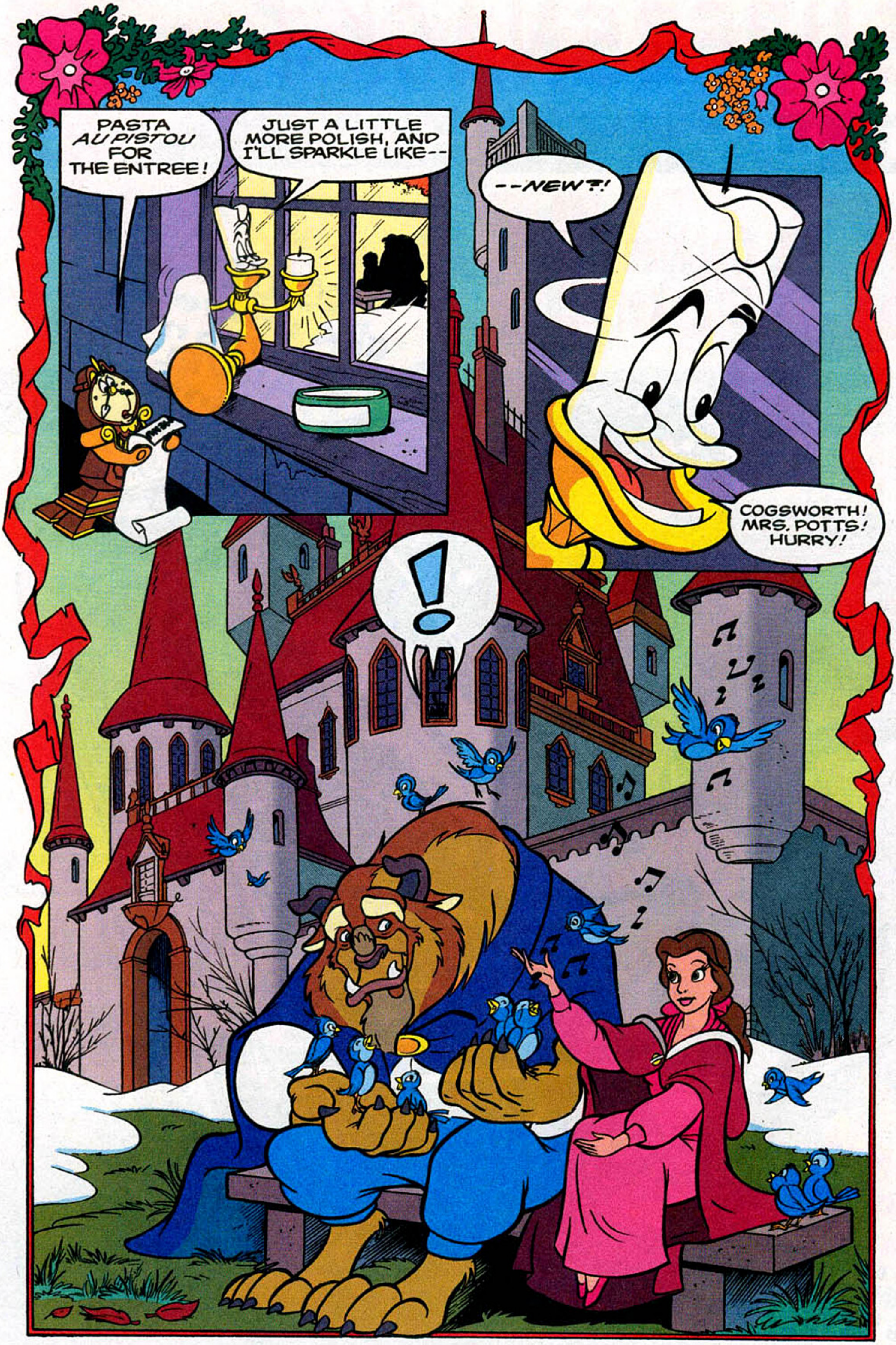

MEANWHILE, IN THE VILLAGE...
NO!... NO!... NO!... NO!...
BELLE IS *NEXT*, GASTON!
BOO HOO!
BOO HOO!
BOO HOO!
WHY, HELLOOO, BELLE!
BONJOUR, GASTON!
SINCE BELLE HAS BEEN PLAYING HARD TO GET FOR SO LONG, I THINK I'LL MAKE HER *BEG* ME BEFORE I MARRY HER.
GREAT PLAN, GASTON!


I CHOOSE *YOU* FOR MY WIFE!
OH, GASTON!
NO! YOU *CAN'T* CHOOSE BELLE!
CHOOSE ME!
WHY, *YOU'RE* NOT *BELLE* AT ALL!
GEE, GASTON, SHE *LOOKED* LIKE BELLE, SHE *DRESSED* LIKE BELLE--
--GOOD THING YOU DIDN'T *MARRY* HER!
YOU AND YOUR *STUPID* IDEAS!
THWAK!


THE CASTLE GROUNDS...
HE LOOKS SO SAD. MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE YELLED AT HIM.
IT'S JUST THAT HE MAKES ME SO ANGRY SOMETIMES.
PERHAPS I SHOULD GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE.
A-HEM!
WHAT IS IT?


OH! IT'S YOU!
I'M SORRY I YELLED AT YOU BEFORE.
SHE'S *APOLOGIZING!* *NOW* WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?!
BE CHARMING!
I'M SORRY I FRIGHTENED YOU.
BE DASHING!
NOTHING LIKE BREATHING IN THAT COLD, CRISP AIR TO GET THE BLOOD FLOWING!
MAY I WALK WITH YOU?
I'D LIKE THAT.


AND WHO COULD GUESS...
...WHAT WOULD HAPPEN ON THEIR WALK?
SWOOOSH!
BE KIND!
TWEET!
HOW SWEET!
ELSEWHERE IN THE CASTLE...
INTO THE TUB WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, CHIP!
BUT, MAMA, I TOOK A BATH YESTERDAY!
NOT ANOTHER WORD, CHIP.
SPLASH!
SOUP *DU JOUR* FOR APPETIZER...
MENU
SOUP DU JOUR


PASTA AU PISTOU FOR THE ENTREE!
JUST A LITTLE MORE POLISH, AND I'LL SPARKLE LIKE--
--NEW?!
COGSWORTH! MRS. POTTS! HURRY!
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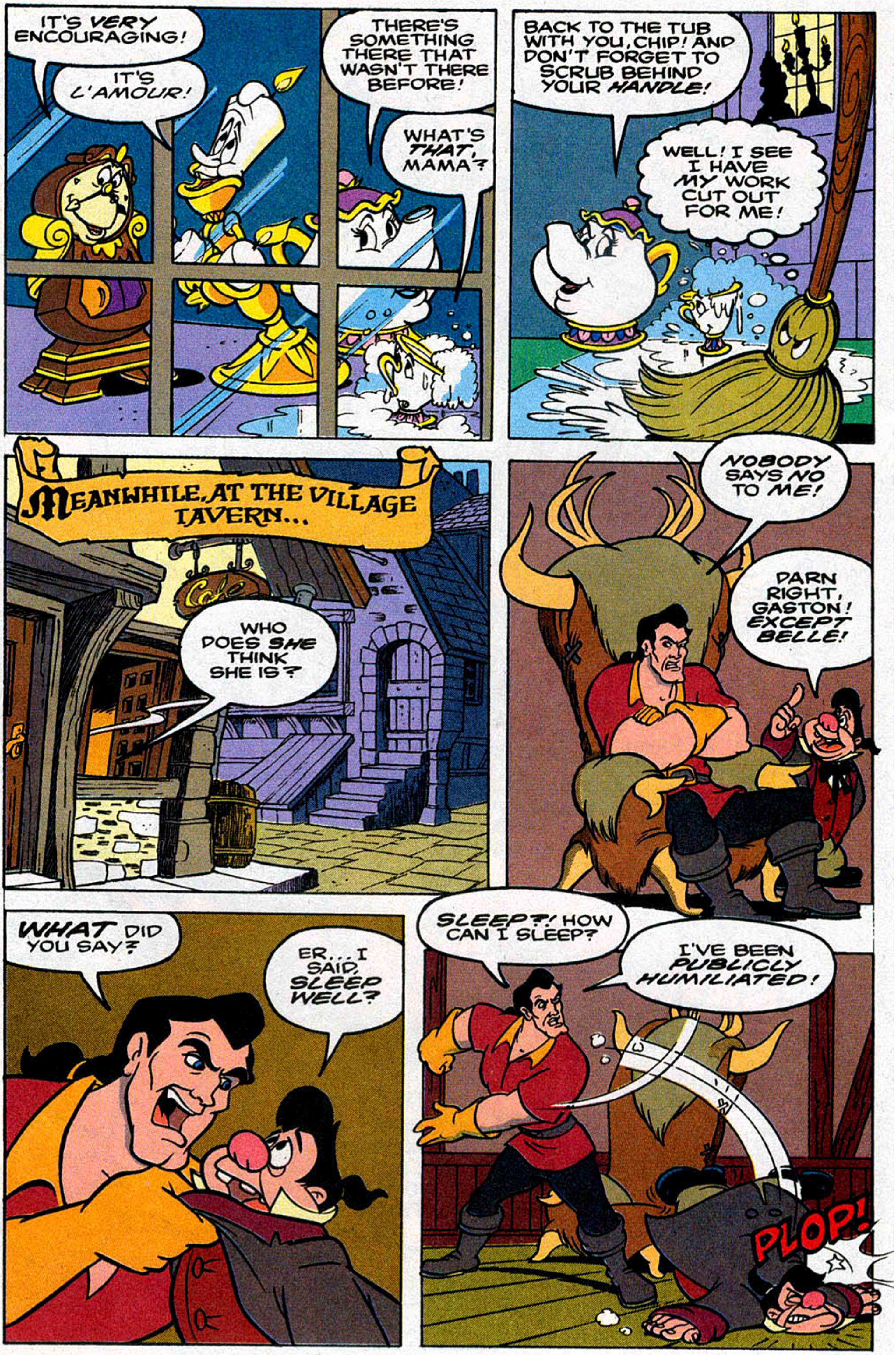
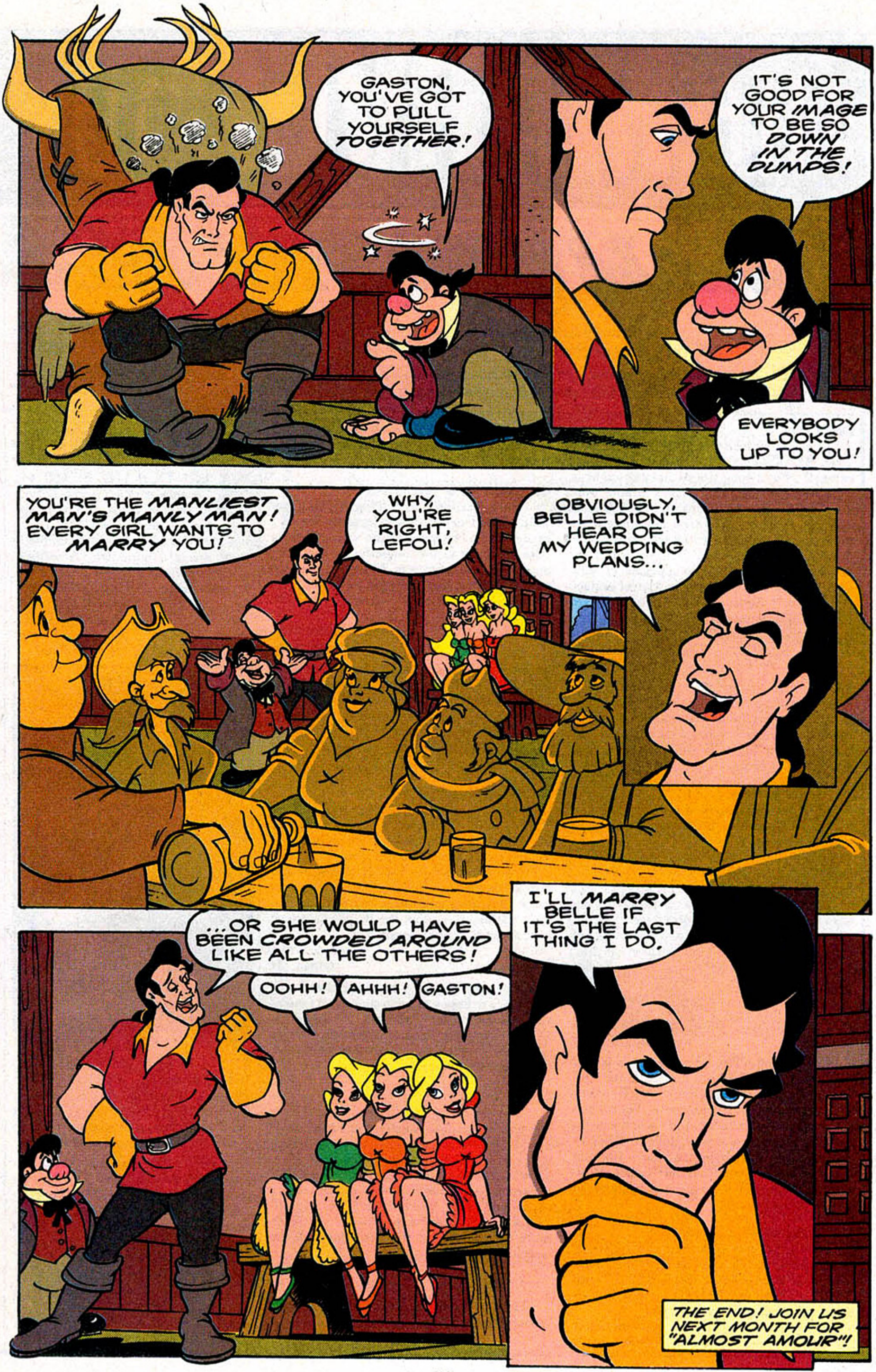

IT'S *VERY* ENCOURAGING!
IT'S L'AMOUR!
THERE'S SOMETHING THERE THAT WASN'T THERE BEFORE!
WHAT'S *THAT*, MAMA?
BACK TO THE TUB WITH YOU, CHIP! AND DON'T FORGET TO SCRUB BEHIND YOUR *HANDLE*!
WELL! I SEE I HAVE *MY* WORK CUT OUT FOR ME!
MEANWHILE, AT THE VILLAGE TAVERN...
Cafe
WHO DOES *SHE* THINK SHE IS?
NOBODY SAYS *NO* TO *ME*!
DARN RIGHT, GASTON! *EXCEPT BELLE!*
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
ER... I SAID, *SLEEP WELL?*
SLEEP?! HOW CAN I SLEEP?
I'VE BEEN *PUBLICLY HUMILIATED*!
PLOP!


GASTON, YOU'VE GOT TO PULL YOURSELF *TOGETHER*!
IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOUR *IMAGE* TO BE SO *DOWN IN THE DUMPS*!
EVERYBODY LOOKS UP TO YOU!
YOU'RE THE *MANLIEST MAN'S MANLY MAN*! EVERY GIRL WANTS TO *MARRY* YOU!
WHY, YOU'RE RIGHT, LEFOU!
OBVIOUSLY, BELLE DIDN'T HEAR OF MY WEDDING PLANS...
...OR SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN *CROWDED AROUND* LIKE ALL THE OTHERS!
OOHH!
AHHH!
GASTON!
I'LL *MARRY* BELLE IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO.
THE END! JOIN US NEXT MONTH FOR "ALMOST AMOUR"!

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Dear Editor,

I've just finished reading BEAUTY & THE BEAST #1 and all I can say is "Marvelous!" For a long time I have thought it would be great to have Disney comics produced by the talented artists and publishers at Marvel. You've answered my unspoken thoughts. It was so nice to see the pencils done by Cosme Quartieri. Tell me, will there be any crossovers or cameo appearances with other Disney characters and/or Marvel characters? Until Beast of BEAUTY & THE BEAST, or Beast of the X-MEN get early hair loss, make mine Marvel!

Nelly Cung, age 14
Morris Plains, NJ

Hey Nelly, we're glad you like Cosme's pencils as much as we do! There aren't any immediate plans for crossovers between Marvel/Disney characters, however if Gaston and U.S. Agent of FORCE WORKS meet, egos are sure to explode!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

By chance I happened upon your comic book while at my local comic shop. I thought it was great! A couple of things compelled me to add BEAUTY & THE BEAST to my collection of the X-MEN and FANTASTIC FOUR. One, I've been trying to get my sister to read comic books because she has no idea what she is missing! And two, it was done by my favorite comic company, Marvel! I do have a couple of questions. Does Gaston know where Belle is? Will Belle get to see her father? And, where is the Feather Duster?

Until Belle falls in love with Gaston, make mine Marvel!

Chris Secor, age 15
Fountain Valley, CA

Keep trying, Chris! Your sister is bound to get hooked on BEAUTY & THE BEAST comics. Be sure to check out Feather Duster's tickling performance at Wardrobe's surprise party in B&B #2, and Gaston is making plans to woo and wed Belle in B&B #4 next month! We're happy to inform you that due to popular demand, Belle's father, Maurice, should be making a guest appearance in the very near future!

To all those who love Disney,

So Marvel has obtained the rights to *comics-ize* Disney's latest and greatest! Fantastic! If BEAUTY & THE BEAST, and THE LITTLE MERMAID are any indication, you're doing a marvel-ous job!

Mark Carter
Welland, Ontario, Canada

Thanks for the kind words, Mark! It's always great to know we're making our fans happy!

Dear BEAUTY & THE BEAST,

I have just finished reading BEAUTY & THE BEAST to my son and let us say bravo! I would like to congratulate the writer, Barbara Slate, for doing such a wonderful job capturing the personalities of each of the objects. My son wanted to know how Chip got his name. Is it because he is cracked? We look forward to your next issue!

Lynn and Robbie Persa
Bethlehem, PA

We couldn't agree more, Lynn and Robbie! Barbara Slate, who also writes BARBIE FASHION, has done a terrific job! Prior to the spell being cast on the castle changing him into a teacup, Chip was a little boy with a chipped tooth! Hence, the name "Chip!"

Dear Disney Crew,

I'm going to enjoy collecting BEAUTY & THE BEAST comics each month! I really like it! I have seen the movie 100 times and I wanted to see something different. The Beast is my all-time favorite Disney character and now I can get more of him. Thank you very much. My sister and I have had this question since the movie — does the Beast as a prince have a name? Your #1 Beastly fan!

Candace White
Adrian, MI

How can you help but love that furry guy?! We're happy to have such loyal fans as you and your sister, Candace! We asked the Disney Company magic-weavers themselves about the Prince's name, but they only refer to him as "the Prince"!

Dear Belle and Beast,

Congratulations on a job well done! I have just finished reading issue #2 and I must say it has lived up to my expectations! As a long time comic book fanatic, it's always disappointing when the first issue of a series is superb and the rest of the issues lose their excitement. I am thrilled to say BEAUTY & THE BEAST #2 has continued to be marvel-ous! I will be more than happy to "be your guest" each month!

Thomas Kelly
Dewey Beach, DE

Thanks for the praise, Thomas! With "guests" like you, how can we go wrong?!

NEXT MONTH:

BEAUTY & THE BEAST #4, "Almost Amour" - As Belle and Beast come closer to friendship, Cogsworth, Lumiere and Mrs. Potts plot to have love bloom between them at the Starlight Shimmering Star-filled Splendid Supper! Can the servants get them to attend? And leaving no mountain unclimbed and no stone unturned, Gaston's up to his ol' tricks again! He can't *bear* to be without Belle! Join us as the romantic adventure continues!

AND NEXT MONTH IN:

THE LITTLE MERMAID #4, "Whirlpool World" - Ariel lends a fin to try and help stop the feuding between the Redfiins and the Bluefins! Can she show them that no matter who is right or wrong, it's just a fin of another color!

ALADDIN #3, "Sword of Aladdin" - Has far-off Prince Fahrauf of Teufahr gone too far? After presenting gifts to Aladdin, Jasmine, and the Sultan, that alter their personalities, Aladdin must find a way to return them, and all of Agrabah, back to normal!

DISNEY AFTERNOON #2 - Join us for the adventures of Darkwing Duck when he gets quite a jolt from Megavolt! And be sure not to miss those crazy antics of the Talespin gang!

ALSO THIS MONTH . . .

FUN-FILLED 1ST ISSUE!
Bonkers
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DISNEY AFTERNOON #1 - Premier Issue! More madcap laughs from your afternoon TV favorites! Darkwing Duck stars in another action-packed laugh fest. There's also more fun from the incorrigible Bonkers, and the afternoon wouldn't be complete without our friends from Goof Troop!

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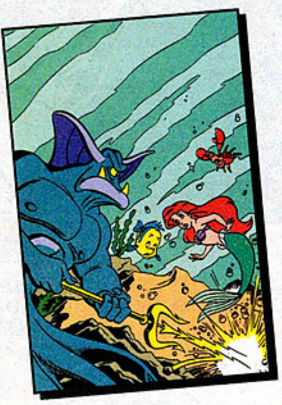
THE LITTLE MERMAID #3, "The Daredevilfish" - Pearl starts a new girls club called the Daredevilfish and makes Ariel go through a devilish initiation to join!



ALADDIN #2, "The Pharaoh's Curse" - Sneaky Abu "picks up" a jeweled ankh, little realizing the bejeweled artifact is cursed — anyone touching the ankh ages rapidly! Can Aladdin and Abu get past the awesome Sphinx and return the stolen ankh to the tomb of the Pharaoh, or are they doomed to be old before their time?!